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1. AT PRESENT, THE DEPT SEES THREE PRIMARY POINTS IN THE
28TH UNGA'S CONSIDERATION OF THE UNEP AGENDA ITEM:

(A) REPORT OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE UNITED NATIONS
ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM (UNEP/GC/10):

THE USG SUPPORTS UNGA ENDORSEMENT OF THE REPORT AND HOPES
DISCUSSION WILL BE CONFINED ONLY TO THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS
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IN THE REPORT ADDRESSED TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. THE RE-

PORT INCLUDES A LIST OF SEVEN PRIORITY ACTIVITY AREAS IN THE ACTION PLAN THAT WAS REFERRED FROM THE STOCKHOLM CONFERENCE ON THE HUMAN ENVIRONMENT. THE US HAS FURNISHED THE ENVIRONMENT SECRETARIAT THOSE ITEMS LISTED UNDER EACH OF THESE AREAS WHICH IT BELIEVES TO BE THE MOST IMPORTANT. IN REFERRING TO THE GOVERNING COUNCIL REPORT, UNEP/GC/10, THESE ARE ITEMS III, IV AND V UNDER HUMAN SETTLEMENTS; ITEMS I, VI, VII AND VIII UNDER LAND, WATER AND DESERTIFICATION; ITEMS II AND IV UNDER TRAINING; ITEMS VI AND VIII UNDER TRADE; III, IV, V AND VII UNDER OCEANS; AND ITEMS I AND V UNDER CONSERVATION. THIS LISTING IS FYI SINCE THE UNGA SHOULD NOT OPEN A DISCUSSION ON ELEMENTS OF THE UNEP.

(B.) UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE - EXPOSITION ON HUMAN SETTLEMENT (VANCOUVER, 1976):

THE USG HAS APPROVED THE OBJECTIVES BEHIND THE UN CONFERENCE - EXPOSITION AND IN PRINCIPLE SUPPORTS FUNDING. THE CONFERENCE PORTION FROM THE UN REGULAR BUDGET AND THE EXPOSITION PART FROM THE ENVIRONMENT FUND. HOWEVER, THE DEPT IS DISMAYED AT REPORTS OF HOW SHARPLY THESE COSTS HAVE RISEN SINCE THE INCEPTION OF THE CONFERENCE-EXPOSITION AT STOCKHOLM IN 1972 AND LIKEWISE AT THE LACK OF ANY INFORMATION THEREON. ACCORDINGLY, THE US POSITION REGARDING THE FUNDING OF THE CONFERENCE-EXPOSITION CAN NOT BE DETERMINED UNTIL SUFFICIENT BUDGETARY INFORMATION BECOMES AVAILABLE.

(C) ACABQ REPORT (A/9068):

THE USG FULLY SUPPORTS THE PERSONNEL AND FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENT PROPOSED BY THE UN SECRETARY-GENERAL BETWEEN HIS OFFICE AND THE UNEP EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ESPECIALLY THE DELEGATION OF RECRUITING AUTHORITY TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF STAFF PAID FROM THE FUND. THE UNGA IS BEING ASKED TO APPROVE THESE ARRANGEMENTS INCLUDED IN THE REPORT.

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